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The Honorable Ajit Pai  
Federal Communications Commission  
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**Keep the Net Neutrality Rules from Obama's Administration**

Dear Chairman Ajit Pai,

I hope you are having a good day. I am Sandhya Srinivasa, a Coppell High School student, who is constantly utilizing technology. As a young adult, I am nearly always relying on the internet. This includes not only for academic purposes but for recreational activities as well. Users, like myself, assume that internet providers are not disturbing our connection and are rather just transmitting signals. The net neutrality rules from 2015 does not need to be repealed.

The concept of net neutrality is strongly tied to allowing freedom for users by repealing the net neutrality rules passed during Obama's era that distinction is blurred. Though I understand repealing the bill allows an advanced outlook for current internet providers, it is also affecting the user's freedom. The providers will be able to allow some websites, the ones that benefit them, to load faster, and the ones that don't benefit them, to load slower. Yes, rules can be placed that hinder internet companies from manipulating their users, but, as seen in the past, companies have a way of using that freedom to their advantage. An example is in 2007 when Comcast tried to block file transfers from customers using networks like BitTorrent, eDonkey, and Gnutella. If this has happened before, how can one say it won't again? There are detrimental effects for small businesses as well. In order for small businesses to reach their target audience they will have to pay a premium fee, but most likely many small businesses wouldn't have a budget for this. These small businesses that help the economy thrive, will only stifle the economy, and the large corporations will have more power than before.

Many senators have created bills to be considered to protect net neutrality in their own states after the ruling that was made in December 2017. Each state's bill targets a different aspect of net neutrality, none of them solve all the issues revolving around net neutrality. Having 50 different bills, with differences in each state, is not a viable way to deal with this situation, rather it is better to keep the 2015 regulations created during Obama's era.

Young adults are the future generation. When we grow older we will make decisions between internet providers, we will be the future consumers, and the future entrepreneurs. Strong net neutrality rules were supported by users -over 4 million Americans filed public comments in 2015- but, this is not the case currently. As a major population of our country disagrees with the repeal, as seen by the protests and petitions, it is at the country's best interests to keep the 2015 regulations. I hope you will be able to reconsider the decision made in December of 2017. I hope to hear back from you, thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

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